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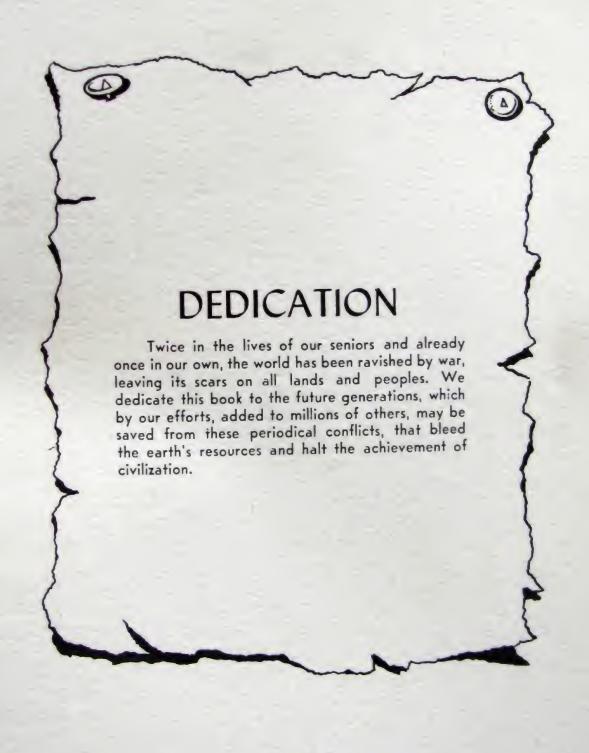
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"... and tell your American fliers before they come over again to have a one way ticket to Hell ... because that is where we shall send them ..."

-Nippo Big Dog

"WILCO---44-E"

ONE WAY TICKET TO HELL

Name

This ticket entitles the above pilot to a one way trip to Hell. Ticket also entitles bearer to stop over enroute at Japan to enjoy the AAF Stag Party on the Roof Garden at Tokyo.

-Here's lookin' down your chimney, Tojo.

Every other morning a few hours before dawn, you march down to Squadron 5, all set for another day of confusion on instruments. You grab a hood and a chute and

together with your instructor, rush out to your assigned ship.

A hasty exterior check, a quick starting of engines, and you are ready for that mystery of mysteries, an instrument take-off. The windshield before you is lined with green glass; you put on your red goggles, and everything turns black. So you are ready for an instrument take-off.

Down the runway you roar on a heading of 350, the take-off consisting of a series

of hops, skips and jumps from the left wheel to the right.

You're in the air now, and the first thing your instructor asks for is a standard rate turn. Now, a standard rate turn consists of keeping the needle centered with the ball at one needle's—no, it's two needles' widths—and the ball coordinated with—anyway, you notice that your instructor is looking out the window very belligerently, as if you didn't know what you were doing.

"Uh, something wrong, Sir?", you venture as you roll out of your turn two

hundred feet below the specified altitude.

"Oh, no—nothing, nothing at all," is the usual reply. He then thoroughly scans your frame, and proceeds to cage the gyros. This is something every cadet abhors, cause it takes a good pilot to fly the rate group decently. But for some reason it

doesn't bother you.

"To hell with the airspeed and altimeter," you mutter to yourself. "I'll just keep that rate of climb on zero, then I'll be all set." So you zoom across the sky in a vertical S pattern. You feel yourself press against the bottom of the seat as you pull back on the wheel; then up you go as you push the nose down.

Apparently your instructor doesn't appreciate your maneuvers, as he is keeping

up a steady stream of chatter.

"Relax! Watch that airspeed—don't fly the rate of climb—and your altitude.

Here, give me the thing!"

So follows a period of violent maneuvers with you and the Lieutenant working up your tempers to a terrific pitch.

Suddenly all is quiet. In a very subtle and retiring manner, your instructor gives you that "trade" smile and very nicely says, "Let's try some radio!"

You reach over and haphazardly juggle the coffee-grinder hither and yon. Being "dah-dit" crazy from link the night before you subconsciously turn to some sort of heading and try following it, praying earnestly for a beam to come along. True to fiction it completely fades out and you're absolutely nowhere.

So you work an crientation problem. You can't help but smile as you methodically bracket the beam into the cone and start your let-down procedure—not even forgetting your "GUMP." Letting down on your final appreach, you motion to your instructor to remove the hood. As he cautiously unfastens the green polaroid, you peer over the nose of your ship, and directly below you lies the runway!

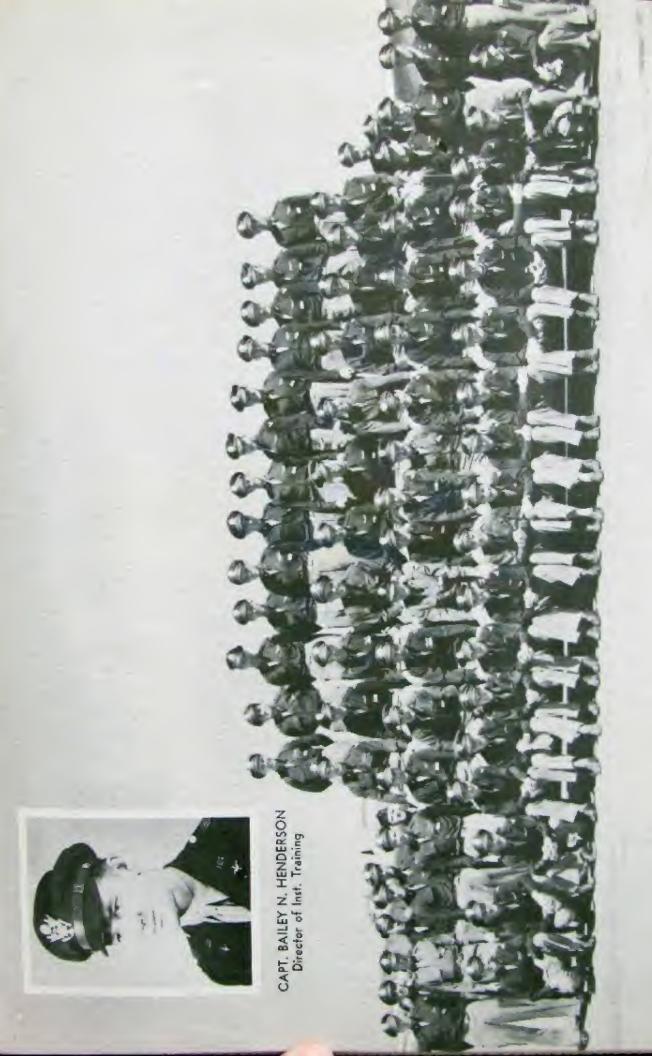
You smile at your instructor and glance again at the field below. But just a minute—where are the buildings?

"Gage? Gage Army Air Field? You mean this isn't Pampa? But, Sir, I — — —."

Later, back at the field, you scan your grade card, and find everything normal—the usual number of unsatisfactories. In the remarks column you read:

"Student shows great possibilities—as contact pilot."





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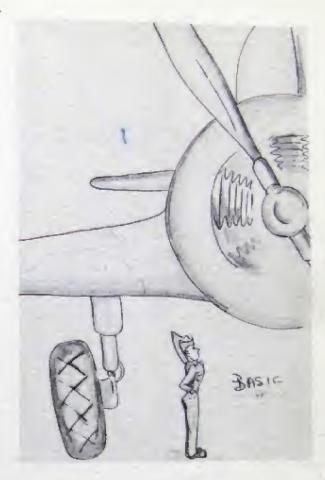
















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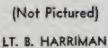
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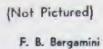
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For more than a year A cadet's on the ball And then one fine day There comes his downfall.

Pants sharply creased And cap on so straight A hat full of grommet 'Til this mem'rable date.

The wings are pinned on And his goal is attained But for some unknown reason His expression is pained

He realizes with anguish That according to Esquire A strange mode of dress Is worn by a flyer.

But in less than an hour He won't give a hoot He's passibly raunchy And lookin' quite zoot.

With a cap full of dimples And pants so reet pleat A finger tip blouse Makes the picture complete.



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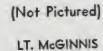
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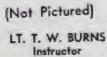
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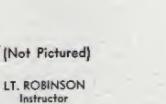
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The "Looie" says with a pat on the head Now turn out the lights, boys, and please go to bed. We like it dark aften ten in this camp And if it's not so you'll be walkin' the ramp. So like a good child I'll call it a day To you a good-night dear, I'm hittin' the hay,

-Ed Brearton

SILVER WINGS

Some people think of those Silver Wings
As glorious, glamorous li'l ole things
That shine like a beacon while a pilot makes love
And reflect all the moonlight that comes from above.

But to a flyer they're not that at all

Those Wings are an emblem of an uphill haul.

It's just a small way that a man's reimbursed

For the numerous times he's been viciously cursed.

A hunk of cheap silver that's been shaped into wings.

The representation of lots of fine things.

Of sweatin' and swearin' and laughin' and tears.

Of a few open posts with the boys and some beers.

It just adds up to this in a pilot's eye

The stuff that he went through to learn how to the
Day after day in a classroom or cloud

By God, it's enough to make any man proud!

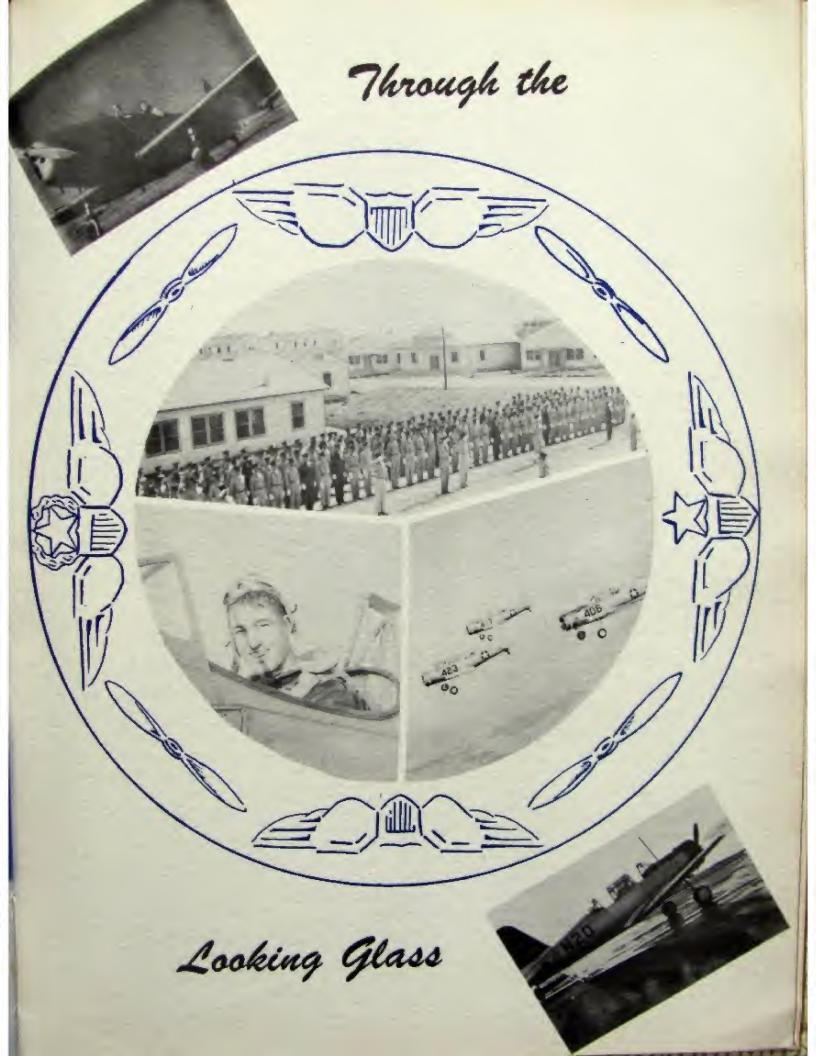
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SOMEWHERE THERE'S A GIRL

Every airman who is far away
Carries along with him a vision,
Of a lovely form, a smiling face
Which helps him reach ev'ry decision—
To carry on though he's down and low
And climb back into the air,
'Cause she's the one he's fighting for
This girl he knows somewhere

At night he often dreams of her And his dreams bring tears to his eyes; Then comes the dawn to destroy his dreams And by day he sings her name to the skies. The clouds all hear his singing And the winds blow away his care; In the blue of the vastness 'round him He sees the face of his girl somethics.

As he fights he longs for the way by When with his tasks he's three and And he can feast his eyes again. On his girl who has been so true. When her kiss will be her greeting. For her hero from over there, They'll be together always then This flyer and his girl somewhere.

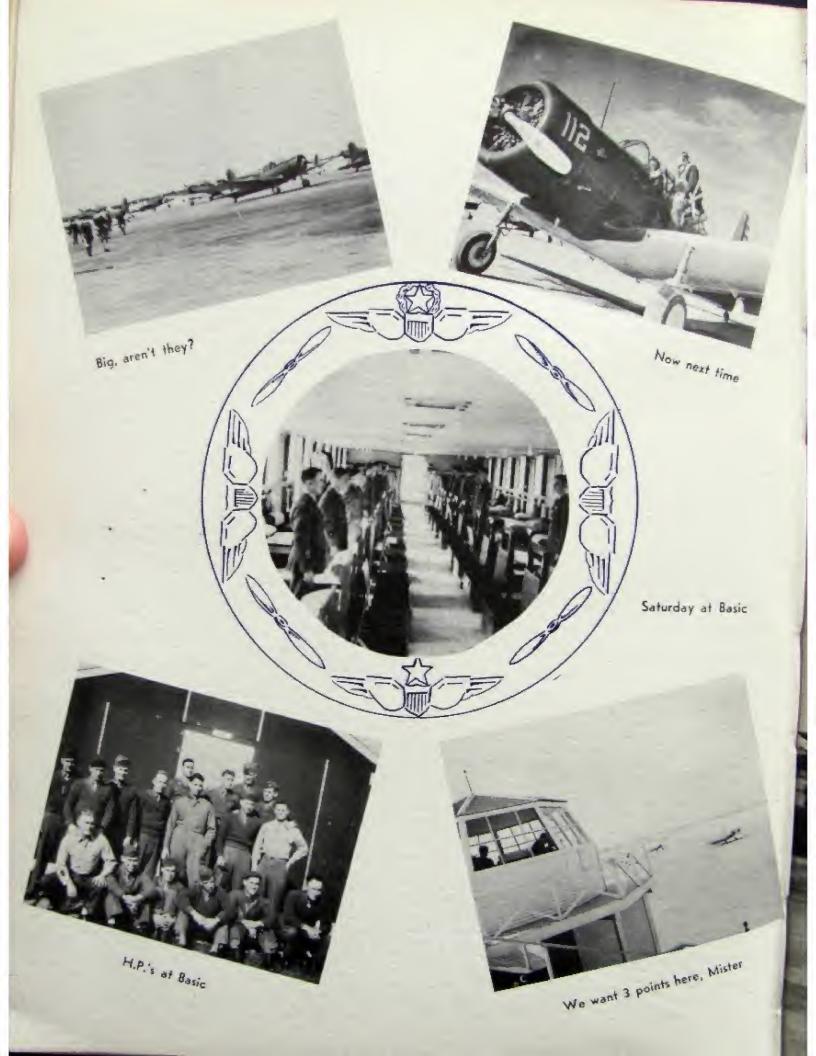














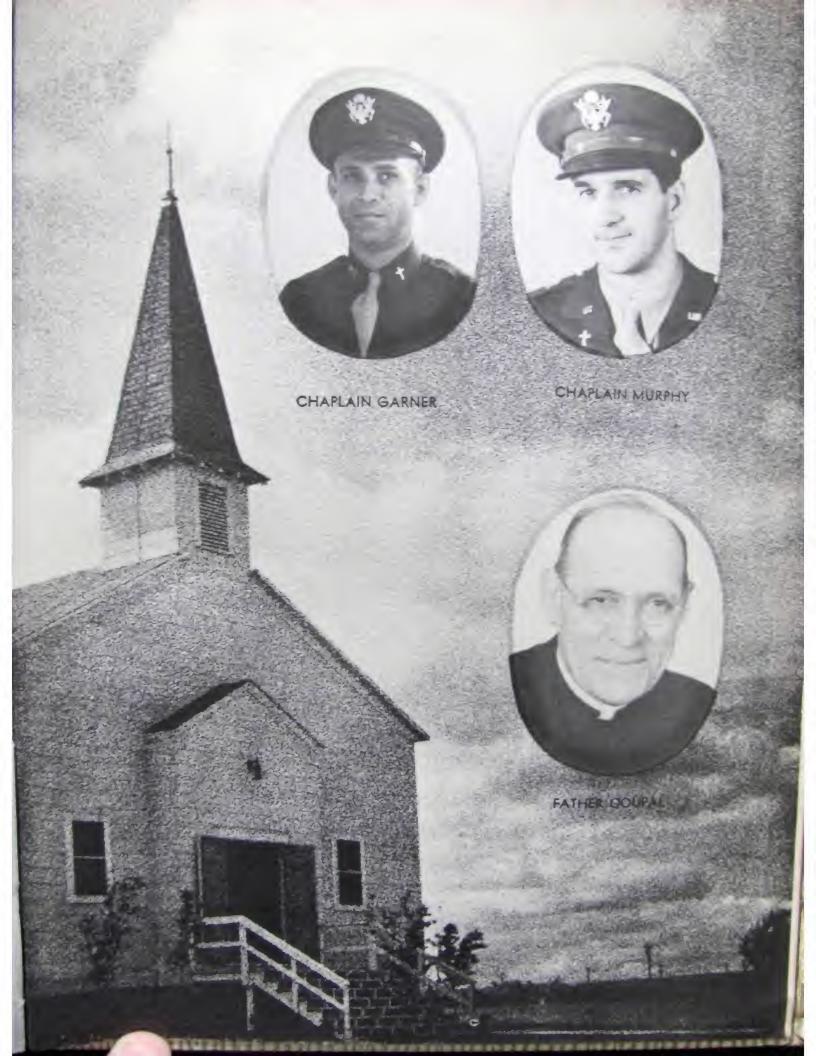
Advanced

Advanced training is the last milestone along the long road toward winning our wings. For months we have been looking forward to the goal which is now to be realized. We find nothing colorful here to satisfy our youthful expectations instead we are confronted with the task of coordinating and developing our different abilities into a fighting machine. We have a unified purpose and our training gives us a common heritage. We are preparing to fight a war and endure the hardships which accompany it. While politicians and war lords continue to write and talk we are preparing to die if need be for a cause which we were told is worth the sacrifice.

It is with such purpose our lives here are directed. We get a two hour headstart on the sun every morning and don't give up until our bunks command us for the night. Every minute and every hour is accounted for.

As training fields everywhere are suffering an acute shortage of personnel we too are charged with the responsibility of administering a large bit of our own training in order that others might fight.

Everything is more realistic. Instructors teach with a purpose, Tac Officers gig with a purpose and even the Chaplain has a branch office at the flying line in order to intercept pilots at odd moments and to impress upon us the fact that God is someone we need every day and every night.



















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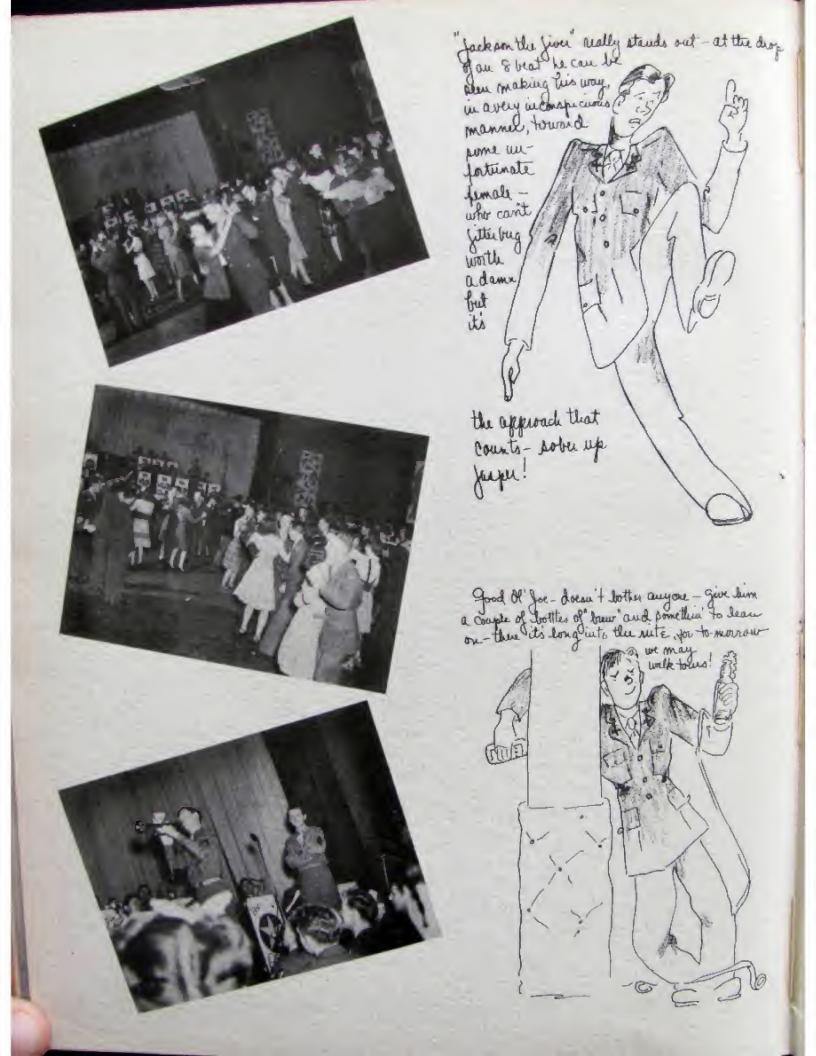


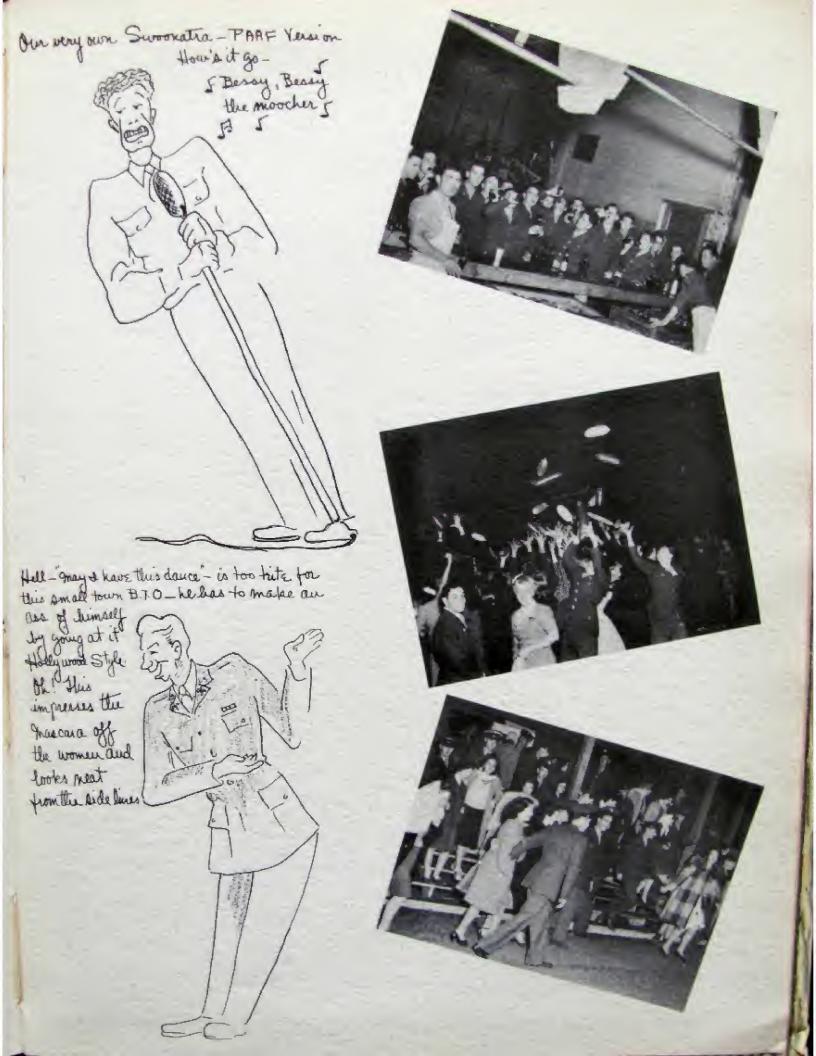


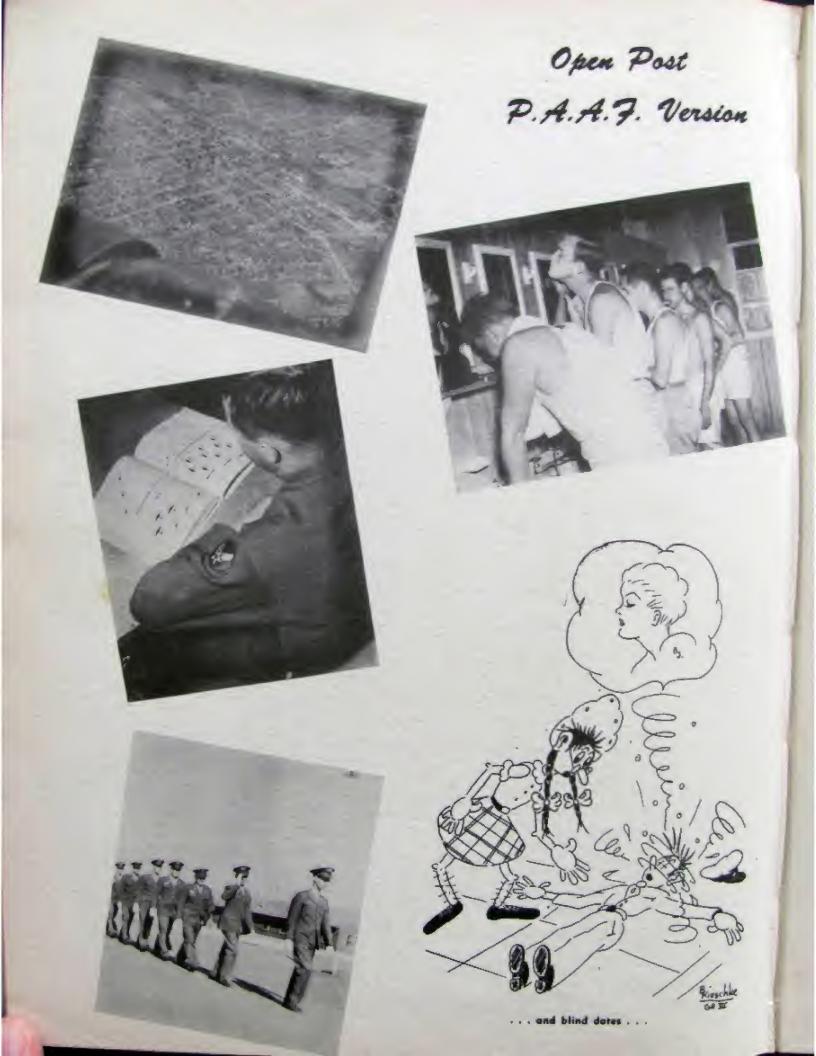
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'Til t'morrow, g'bye hon'
I wish I could stay
But father once told me
That crime doesn't pay.

I'll see you at church
Fifteenth row, second pew:
And be wearing your sweater
So I'll know that it's you.



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